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## Avocado

# Mexico Announces Tacambaro As A New Pest Free Municipality

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### Report Highlights:

On August 9, 2004, the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food (SAGARPA) published in the Federal Register (*Diario Oficial*) an announcement declaring the Michoacan municipality of Tacambaro free of the avocado seed weevils *Conotrachelus aguacatae*, *C. perseae*, *Heilipus lauri* and the seed moth *Stenomoma catenifer*. SAGARPA approval is the first of a two-step process which must be undertaken to declare a municipality ready to export avocados to the United States. APHIS approval to export, the second stage, is still pending. Currently, there are 7 municipalities authorized to export Mexican Hass avocados to 31 northeastern and north central States and the District of Columbia.

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**Introduction:** This report summarizes an announcement published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on August 9, 2004.

**Disclaimer:** This summary is based on a  *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

**Title:** Announcement that declares the municipality of Tacambaro in the state of Michoacan, free of the avocado seed weevil *Conotrachelus aguacatae*, *C. perseae*, *Heilipus lauri* and the seed moth *Stenoma catenifer*.

**Type of Regulation:** Announcement

**Important Dates:**

1. **Publication Date:** August 9, 2004.
2. **Effective Date:** August 10, 2004.

**Products Affected:** Avocados

**FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary:** On August 9, 2004, the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food (SAGARPA) published in the Federal Register (*Diario Oficial*) an announcement declaring the municipality of Tacambaro in the state of Michoacan, free of the avocado seed weevils *Conotrachelus aguacatae*, *C. perseae*, *Heilipus lauri* and the seed moth *Stenoma catenifer*.

The announcement was made after SAGARPA verified that, as a result of repeated area surveys and inspections of orchards and processed fruit by Michoacan Plant Health authorities, the cited municipality in Michoacan is free of pests. Therefore, the Tacambaro municipality was added to the list of authorized pest-free Michoacan municipalities. Currently, the list includes: Uruapan, Salvador Escalante, Periban de Ramos, Tancitaro, Nuevo Parangaricutiro, Taretan, Ario de Rosales, Los Reyes, Apatzingan and Tingüindin – and now Tacambaro.

After SAGARPA declares a municipality free of pests, APHIS initiates its own procedure to corroborate SAGARPA's findings so that the municipality can then be added to the list of USDA-approved municipalities authorized to export avocados to the United States. The addition of another municipality will increase Mexico's overall capacity to export avocados to the United States. The following Michoacan municipalities are, at present, authorized by USDA to export Hass avocados to the United States: Uruapan, Salvador Escalante, Periban de Ramos, Tancitaro, Nuevo Parangaricutiro, Taretan and Ario de Rosales.

**FAS/Mexico comment:** On May 24, 2004, the Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of USDA published in the U.S. Federal Register the proposal to amend the regulations governing the importation of Mexican Hass avocados into the United States. It proposes the admittance of Mexican Hass avocados into all of the 50 U.S. states during all months of the year. However, the ability of Mexico to export to the United States will still be subject to how many Mexican municipalities have been approved by USDA to export Hass avocados.

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